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SUBJECT: IRANIAN QUERY CONCERNING INDIAN PURCHASE OF US
AIRCRAFT

1. DURING CALL ON SECRETARY SEPTEMBER 12, IRANIAN
AMBASSADOR ZAHEDI STATED THAT SHAH HAD HEARD INDIA WAS
INTERESTED IN PURCHASING AIRCRAFT FROM US AND THAT US
WAS BEING NEGATIVE. THIS AROSE IN CONTEXT OF COMMENT
BY ZAHEDI THAT SHAH HAD IMPRESSION THINGS NOT GOING WELL
IN US-INDIAN RELATIONS -- E.G., THAT SECRETARY HAD
CANCELLED PLANS VISIT INDIA IN OCTOBER. SECRETARY
SAID THAT HE HAD NEVER PLANNED OCTOBER VISIT, THAT THERE
HAD BEEN MISUNDERSTANDING ON THIS, AND THAT RELATIONS
WITH INDIA WERE FINE. RE AIRCRAFT, SECRETARY REPLIED
THAT HE COULD NOT RECALL THAT INDIA HAD ASKED FOR US
AIRCRAFT BUT THERE HAD BEEN INDICATIONS INDIA WISHED TO
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PURCHASE SOME EQUIPMENT FROM THE US SO AS TO BE SEEN
AS NOT FULLY RELIANT ON USSR. SECRETARY ADDED THAT
HE WOULD LOOK CAREFULLY INTO THE MATTER RAISED BY THE
AMBASSADOR.

2. ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON CALLED ZAHEDI ON
SEPTEMBER 16 TO CONFIRM THAT WE COULD NOT FIND ANY

OFFICIAL REQUEST FROM INDIA FOR US AIRCRAFT. IF
REQUEST WERE RECEIVED IN THE FUTURE, WE WOULD EXAMINE
IT ON ITS MERITS WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF OUR OVERALL
ARMS TRANSFER POLICY AND, IN PARTICULAR, OUR SOUTH ASIAN
ARMS TRANSFER POLICY. ATHERTON NOTED THAT THERE WAS NO
BAR TO THE SALE OF "REASONABLE" ITEMS AND WE WOULD GIVE
ANY REQUEST A SERIOUS EXAMINATION. VANCE

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